

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bostic called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Allen Shelton, Darrin McGowan, Mike Buckley, Bill Goins and Cindy Humphrey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Ron Wilson, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the February 23, 2010 meeting were presented for approval. Shelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

Bostic reported:

- On Thursday he presented a proclamation to the Girls Basketball team.
- On Monday the Flatrock River Lodge had a chili supper for the Girls Basketball team and he gave them all certificates of appreciation.
- There will be a celebration on Sunday at 2:30 at the gym for the Girls Basketball team and at 3:00 there will be a parade.
- Passed out a letter from Bob Jackman praising the condition of the animal shelter. He gave one suggestion regarding the outside runs and how to make it more comfortable during hot weather.
- Offered condolences to Bill Goins for the passing of his uncle.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * * *

Copley informed everyone that Kevin Mandrell will be at the Police Department on Monday, March 8th at 9:00 a.m. if anyone has questions regarding the insurance.

Copley received an e-mail from Duane Reindl regarding the tax abatement for the apartment complex behind Dairy Queen. Reindl asked if it was necessary that he attend a Council meeting to have his CF-1 approved. It was the consensus of Council that if the City were giving tax abatement then the least the company could do would be to attend a Council meeting. Copley said she would inform Reindl.

Copley also informed Council that a week ago last Saturday the annual report for 2009 was advertised in the newspaper. There were errors in it. Corrections were made and the correction was in last Saturday's paper.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * * *

Goins reported that the Board of Works hired GEA Architects for the Downtown Façade project, not to exceed \$40,000.00.

Goins also said we need to address the handbook policy regarding "dress" for City employees.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Police - Cameron stated that Indot is making some changes on the Main Street project. Main Street will be blocked from 4th Street up to and including Park Boulevard. He said Council should consider an ordinance for heavy truck traffic. Ron Wilson said he thought we already had an ordinance in place, but will check to make sure.

Cameron said that it was his recommendation that they make one side of Harrison "no parking". He also recommended that this be permanent.

Buckley made a motion to make the East side of Harrison no parking on the East side of the street. This would not be permanent, but would be only during the construction of Main Street. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

Determine Clothing Allowance for Street and Park Departments –
Buckley made a motion to give a clothing allowance of \$500.00 to the employees of the Street and Park Departments. This would be for outerwear only, such as shirts, pants, shoes, and jackets. Goins seconded the motion.

Miller said some of his employees were asking for \$500.00 plus \$100.00 for boots.

Goins said the Miller and Mathews need to put together some sort of clothing policy as to what the guys are expected to wear and what they can purchase with the allowance. This is to be presented at the next meeting. He said he would negotiate a price with a local vendor.

The clothing allowance will be paid in 2 annual installments.

Mathews said he would like to purchase 3 shirts a piece for his summer employees.

Vote was taken on Buckley's motion. All voted in favor of the \$500.00 clothing allowance.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

Chamber of Commerce Update – Pam Leisure came before Council to give an update on what is going on at the Chamber of Commerce. A new program they are taking part in is the "Retention Tool Kit", which was initiated by the State. In this program the Chamber visits each business and will try to align them to use local services. Leisure stated that this has been a great tool.

Leisure said they are currently working on 5 projects with internal growth. There are approximately 7 new businesses looking at Rush County.

Events coming up:

- April 3 they are hosting an Ag Forum
- May is the annual Chamber dinner
- June is the annual golf outing

Emerson CF 1 – Earl Jacobs asked Council to approve the CF 1 for Emerson. Goins made a motion to approve the CF 1. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Intat CF 1 – Matt McLaughlin asked Council for approval of the CF 1 for Intat. Shelton made a motion to approve the CF 1. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – McGowan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Buckley seconded the motion, and abstained from voting on any claims pertaining to his pay. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 18, 2010.

There was no further business to come before Council; McGowan made a motion to adjourn. Shelton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR

ALLEN W. SHELTON, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL BUCKLEY, MEMBER

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

CINDRA K. HUMPHREY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER